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Director's Meeting

Friday, 14 March 1952

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [ ]

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Brought up the latest Soviet note on Germany, noting that Mr. Nitze is anxious to get preliminary CIA views being developed by O/NE. Following a general discussion of the Soviet note, Mr. Dulles undertook to explore State's views and contemplated actions. Meanwhile, O/CI will be asked to produce a round-up of the situation in East Germany, including a report on Communist military and paramilitary strength there.

b. Reported that he had orally conveyed to Whitelaw Reid of the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE the Agency's congratulations on the excellent writing done by Coblentz on the Greek trials.

c. Commented briefly on growing Indian apprehension with respect to China.

d. Raised the new turn taken by the BW problem and our propaganda use of information we now have from special sources. The Director stated that there was an opportunity and a demand for a strong U.S. propaganda rejoinder on this subject but that this could be developed without compromising sources. Mr. Wisner undertook to work up the basis of such a propaganda rejoinder with the advice of Mr. Becker.

Mr. Wolf:

a. Asserted that there would be no more transfers of funds arranged with banks by telephone.

b. Noted a report he had just received from ONI via I&S that an O/SI officer had been jailed in [ ] The Director checked with Dr. Chadwell and found that the arrest had resulted from a misunderstanding with respect to the officer's orders as a member of the Naval Reserve.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported that Mr. Staats, in a further conversation on the Gray report, had asked that CIA draft a letter from the President to Mr. Gray to be transmitted to the President through Mr. Staats. Mr. Wisner said that he would draft such a letter but that he would give it to the Director and not to Mr. Staats.

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Mr. Wisner (Cont'd.)

b. Commented briefly on the [ ] report, including the steps which are to be taken as a result of it. The Director noted that he would not recommend [ ] [ ].

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c. Reported that [ ] was anxious, for personal reasons, to remain at that post. The Director instructed Mr. Wisner to order [ ] home forthwith and to note that this decision represented the Director's views as well as those of the new Ambassador. *Davis*

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Mr. Becker:

a. Noted the report from Thailand that the Thai Navy had seized the person of the King. He admitted that his office had had no advance notice of this development and suggested that the coup had been engineered by the younger hot-heads rather than by the Navy Chief. Surprise that the weak Navy would be able to carry off this coup was registered. NOTE: Later intelligence on 15 March throws some doubt on this report.

b. Reported that [ ] had submitted his article on intelligence. The Director stated that he did not wish to see it, but that Mr. Becker should look it over himself and show it to Col. Hansen, making sure that it contained no individual references.

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